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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 12,
1975:

Q. IS THERE ANY READ-OUT FOR THE MEETING OF THE ISRAELIS
WITH SISCO?

A. YES. WE MET WITH THE ISRAELI DELEGATION, HEADED BY
AMBASSADOR DINITZ, AND, AS WE INDICATED, MR. GAZIT AND
DR. ROSENNE. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF A NUMBER OF POINTS
RELATED TO THE INTERIM AGREEMENT.

THE TWO SIDES WILL MEET AGAIN TOMORROW MORNING AT THE
DEPARTMENT AT 10:00 A.M. THIS WILL FOLLOW THE MEETING
WITH THE GROUP OF FINANCIAL EXPERTS AT 9:30, WHICH WILL BE
OPENED BY UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND AMBASSADOR DINITZ.
THEY WILL THEN LEAVE THAT MEETING TO RESUME THEIR DISCUS-
SIONS THAT THEY BEGAN TODAY.

Q. THEY WILL BE GOING ON TO PARALLEL MEETINGS TOMORROW?

A. YES.

Q. WHO IS PARTICIPATING ON THE AMERICAN SIDE IN THE
MEETINGS WITH MR. GAZIT AND MR. ROSENNE?

A. UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ATHERTON.

Q. THAT'S ALL?

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A. YES.

Q. AND WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCIAL MEETING?

A. SERVING AS CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. DELEGATION WITH
MR. SISCO IS MR. NOOTER. HE IS THE ASSISTANT ADMINISTRA-
TOR IN AID FOR NEA. THEN THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL
EXPERTS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, TREASURY , NSC,
AND OMB, I BELIEVE, ARE THE AGENCIES REPRESENTED.

Q. NOBODY FROM THE PENTAGON?

A. NO.

Q. MR. SISCO AND MR. ATHERTON WERE SUPPOSED TO BE MEETING WITH THE FINNISH CHARGE AT 11:00. DID THAT COME OFF, OR WHAT HAPPENED THERE?

A. I DO NOT KNOW ABOUT THAT APPOINTMENT. I KNOW THAT MR. ATHERTON PARTICIPATED WITH MR. SISCO AT THE MEETINGS THIS MORNING.

Q. HE ATTENDED THE MEETING?

A. AS FAR AS I KNOW.

Q. (INAUDIBLE) ... TO TALK TO ABOUT ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID?

A. WELL, IN THE OVERALL SENSE; BUT AS I MADE THE DISTINCTION YESTERDAY, IT IS NOT ON THE AGENDA TO GET INTO A DISCUSSION OF HARDWARE, BUT RATHER THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF OVERALL AID TO ISRAEL. AND AS I SAID YESTERDAY, THIS IS PART OF OUR STUDY IN MAKING AN ANALYSIS FOR AND DEVELOPING OUR FISCAL '76 AID LEVELS.

Q. WILL THESE FINANCIAL EXPERTS ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS WITH MR. SISCO?

A. THEY ARE SEPARATE MEETINGS.

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Q. TELL US SOMETHING ABOUT THE POINTS YOU REFERRED TO IN YOUR OPENING STATEMENT. WE DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF POINTS RELATING TO THE INTERIM AGREEMENT.

A. I AM NOT ABLE TO GO INTO THE POINTS THAT WERE DISCUSSED.

Q. BUT DOES THIS MEAN THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY DRAFTING THE AGREEMENT?

A. I DO NOT WANT TO CHARACTERIZE JUST WHAT WE ARE DOING BEYOND WHAT I HAVE SAID OTHER THAN TO SAY AT THIS STAGE OF THE DISCUSSION THESE ARE PRELIMINARY TALKS--THEY ARE PART OF THE WHOLE NEGOTIATING PROCESS THAT IS GOING ON.

Q. YOU SAY THESE ARE PRELIMINARY TALKS, YET THE PROJECTION IS FOR A WRAPPING-UP OF AN INTERIM AGREEMENT BY WAY OF A KISSINGER SHUTTLE WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO AND THAT KISSINGER WON'T GO UNLESS THERE'S 90 PERCENT AGREEMENT. HOW CAN THIS BE PRELIMINARY?

A. THE FIRST MEETING THIS MORNING WAS A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION.

Q. BOB, ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR PARALLEL DISCUSSIONS OF THESE--OR PARALLEL POINTS IN CAIRO WITH THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. I AM NOT ABLE TO TALK ABOUT SPECIFIC POINTS.

Q. DO THESE POINTS RELATE TO ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES ALONE?

A. NO, TO THE OVERALL INTERIM AGREEMENT THAT WE ARE WORKING OUT WITH THE ISRAELIS AND THE EGYPTIANS.

Q. WHAT I WAS SAYING: WHY AREN'T THERE PARALLEL TALKS THEN WITH THE EGYPTIANS IN CAIRO OR ANYWHERE ELSE? HOW CAN YOU JUST DO THIS ON A ONE-SIDED BASIS WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ISRAELIS?

A. THERE IS COMMUNICATION WITH THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT, OBVIOUSLY.

Q. HAVE YOU YET RECEIVED PRESIDENT SADAT'S REPLY TO THE PROPOSALS THAT MR. DINITZ PRESENTED ON SATURDAY?

A. I ASSUME THAT AMBASSADOR EILTS HAS REPORTED ON HIS CONVERSATION.

Q. HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO CHECK ON WHETHER THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS MADE RESERVATIONS AT THE KING DAVID HOTEL?

A. I CHECKED ON THAT AND I AM NOT ABLE TO MAKE ANY CONFIRMATION.

Q. FOR HIMSELF OR ANYONE ELSE?

A. I NOTED THAT IN MONTREAL YESTERDAY THE SECRETARY SAID THAT HE WOULD BE MAKING A DECISION WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS.

Q. YOU SAY YOU ASSUME THAT EILTS HAS REPORTED ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH SADAT. WAS THAT RELAYED TO DINITZ TODAY?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. DO YOU KNOW WHETHER AN EGYPTIAN REPLY HAS BEEN

RELAYED TO THE ISRAELIS?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. MR. DINITZ SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THE EGYPTIAN REPLY, WHICH THE EGYPTIANS SAID TODAY HAD BEEN RELAYED TO THE AMERICANS YESTERDAY. DO YOU KNOW IF THE SECRETARY HAS ANY MEETING SCHEDULED WITH MR. DINITZ, OR WILL THEY SIT IN ON THE MEETINGS TOMORROW?

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A. AS OF THIS MORNING AT LEAST, THERE WAS NOT ANYTHING ON THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE FOR A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ; BUT I ASSUME HE WILL BE MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR DINITZ VERY SOON.

Q. HOW LONG DID THAT MEETING LAST TODAY?

A. I THINK IT WAS ABOUT TWO HOURS.

Q. TWO HOURS. THEY'RE NOT MEETING THIS AFTERNOON IN ANY WAY?

A. NO, THEY ARE NOT. THEIR SECOND SESSION WILL BE

TOMORROW AT 10:00 O'CLOCK.

Q. WHAT PROBLEMS DEVELOPED AT THIS MORNING'S MEETING?

A. I AM NOT ABLE TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

Q. IS THE ADMINISTRATION MAKING ANY EFFORT IN REGARD TO THE FINANCIAL TALKS WITH ISRAEL TO TAKE SOUNDING WITH OR KEEP LEADERS OF CONGRESS INFORMED OF THESE DISCUSSIONS IN ORDER TO TRY TO AVOID DIFFICULTIES WITH CONGRESS AFTERWARDS?

A. I'M CONFIDENT THAT AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE WE WILL BE KEEPING THE CONGRESS INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS WE ARE MAKING ON THESE TALKS.

Q. THAT HAS NOT YET BEGUN?

A. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT WE'VE SAID ANYTHING SINCE THE MEETING ADJOURNED ABOUT AN HOUR AGO.

Q. ON THE STATUS OF THE TALKS THIS MORNING, AMBASSADOR DINITZ HAS BEEN HERE SEVERAL TIMES WITH THE SECRETARY. THESE TALKS HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR MONTHS. AND WE NOW HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS HERE. COULD WE NOT ASSUME THAT THESE TALKS ARE REALLY PRETTY FAR DOWN THE LINE

AND GETTING CLOSE TO BEING WRAPPED UP RATHER THAN
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PRELIMINARY?

A. I SAID THE WORD "PRELIMINARY" WAS TO CHARACTERIZE
THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PRINCIPAL GROUP AT TEN O'CLOCK. I
WAS ASKED THIS YESTERDAY WHEN WE CONFIRMED THAT THE
TWO GROUPS WERE COMING, AND I PROVIDED THE BACKGROUND AS
TO WHY THEY ARE BOTH HERE. AND OBVIOUSLY PROGRESS IS
BEING MADE, AND WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THIS PROGRESS, BUT I
DON'T WANT TO GO BEYOND THAT.

Q. WOULD IT BE FAIR TO SAY THAT THIS IS PRELIMINARY TO
THE FINAL WRAPUP? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE GETTING AT?

A. NO, I THINK I'LL JUST LEAVE IT AT WHAT I HAVE SAID.

Q. WHAT WAS SECRETARY KISSINGER REFERRING TO YESTERDAY
WHEN HE SAID THAT THEY ARE DISCUSSING ISRAEL'S LONGER
TERM AID REQUESTS?

A. I DON'T KNOW. I DIDN'T SEE THAT REPORT.

Q. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME MISSILES, HAWK MISSILES, HAVE
BEEN SENT TO JORDAN WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AN UNDERSTANDING
WITH CONGRESS. IS THAT RIGHT?

A. YOU MEAN AS A RESULT OF THIS RECENT REQUEST, WHILE
THE CONGRESS IS IN RECESS? I HADN'T HEARD THAT ONE
BEFORE. AS I UNDERSTOOD IT, WE HAD SENT THIS LETTER OF
OFFER AND WE WERE RENEWING IT EVERY TWENTY DAYS UNTIL
THE CONGRESS RESUMES. THEN IT WOULD BE PRESENTED AGAIN
FOR CONSIDERATION.

Q. SO NO HAWK MISSILES HAVE GONE TO JORDAN?

A. NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.

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